# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC **CHURCH OF CORN HILL**



## Third Sunday of Easter

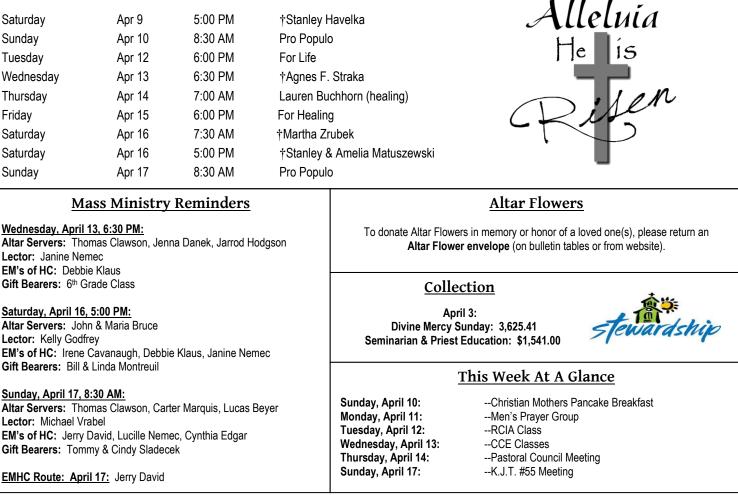
April 10, A.D. 2016

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week

Saturday Apr 9 5:00 PM Apr 10 8:30 AM Sunday Apr 12 6:00 PM Tuesday Wednesday Apr 13 6:30 PM Thursday Apr 14 7:00 AM Friday Apr 15 6:00 PM Saturday Apr 16 7.30 AM Apr 16 5.00 PM Saturday Sunday Apr 17 8:30 AM

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All parishioners and visitors are welcome to the Confraternity of Christian Mothers' annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser today (Sunday, April 10) in the PAC Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They will serve pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, juice and milk, all for a free-will donation, which will help support their various parish and community activities. Great food and friendly fellowship!

The Holy Trinity Parish Prayer Campaign for Church Vocations is open to all parishioners. To sign-up, contact the parish office. This week, the crucifix will be with Henry, Agnes & Jeff Taylor. Next week, it will be with Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz.

The Men's Prayer Group will meet this Monday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Contact Pete Zenner for information (512-863-4038).

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, April 12. Discussion: Prayer and the Holy Spirit in Our Lives.

CCE: Class this Wednesday, April 13, from 6:15 - 8:00 p.m. Mass in the church at 6:30 p.m., followed by class in the RE Bldg. For all CCE information and/or to volunteer to help, please contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

\*\*\*Our Vacation Bible School will be held this year on Saturday, June 11, and we need volunteers for all of the day's functions - a fun time guaranteed for all!!

\*\*\*In preparing for next year's classes (yes, already!), we ask that you prayerfully consider sharing your time with the children of our CCE program! We will need 2 new catechists next year and we also need several more volunteers for the classrooms and events. It is such a pleasure working with the children and knowing that we are helping to form the future of the Church!

\*\*\*Please remember - if you would like to work with the children within the CCE program or otherwise, you must be certified in the EIM Program (see the information in this bulletin below). But please don't let that scare you away!! It's only a few hours of your time every three years - a very small sacrifice when it comes to making a very big difference in the lives of our children!

The **Pastoral Council will meet** this Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Parishioners are invited to attend. The agenda for this meeting is posted on the bulletin board for your information and preparation.

**KJT #55 will meet** next Sunday, April 17, in the RE BLdg, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. State Director & Sales Agent, Ray Pokorney, will be attending. All members – and anyone interested in learning about K.J.T. Insurance – are invited.

The Diocese of Austin is offering a seminar entitled "Annulment Pathway to Healing --- A Spiritual and Emotional Healing Experience for Persons Considering a Marriage Annulment" at SSCM Parish in Granger on Friday, Aprill 22 (7-9 pm) and Saturday, April 23 (9 am – 4 pm). For more information or to sign-up, please contact Joanne Selucky at SSCM (512-859-2223). RSVP requested by Friday, April 15.

We will fill the altars with beautiful flowers to celebrate all mothers on Mother's Day weekend (May 7/8). If you would like to donate toward the cost, please pick up and return a "Mother's Day Mass Remembrance" envelope (by the bulletins). You may dedicate it to your mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, etc, both living and deceased, but please make sure you check living or deceased on the envelope so that we will know if it's in memory or honor of the person. Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, May 1. The dedications will be listed in the May 8 bulletin.

#### EIM (Ethics & Integrity in Ministry)

The diocesan EIM program's initiative is to create awareness of the all-too-common problem of sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults. If you are included in any of the following – or plan to be at any point in time – you MUST take the workshop and become certified in the Ethics & Integrity in Ministry program – which includes taking a refresher course every three years after – and all workshops are free of charge.

Mass Ministers (priests, deacons, altar servers over 18, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, music ministers, ushers) Parish Council & Committee Members (pastoral council, finance council, cemetery committee, fundraiser committees, money counters) Religious Education (catechists and volunteers, CYM coordinators and volunteers, RCIA coordinators and volunteers, VBS volunteers) Parish Event Coordinators (all officers of any parish organization – KJT, KJZT, CLIU, Christian Mothers, Prayer Groups, etc) All Parish Employees must be certified and anyone who wants to volunteer in the parish in any capacity *should be* certified as well.

#### WE WILL HAVE AN EIM WORKSHOP HERE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE PAC BLDG.

Here's how you do it: visit the diocesan website – <u>www.austindiocese.org</u> – go to the Ethics & Integrity in Ministry page and read and follow all of the directions. If you have questions about any of it, you can either contact the diocesan EIM office, or you may contact the parish office. If you do not have the internet, please call us and we will help you do what is needed.

#### Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be the Risen Lord! Alleluia! Here we are already at the Third Sunday of Easter. As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, we are reading gospel passages which contain the events of Jesus appearing to His disciples after the resurrection. In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to the Apostles at the Sea of Tiberias. Peter and the others have gone fishing and once again have caught nothing. Jesus again instructs them where to fish and they catch a net full. They realize it is Jesus and quickly go to shore. Jesus tells them to bring some of the fish and then He prepares breakfast for them. After this, Jesus looks at Peter and says, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Jesus asks this to Peter three times, the number of times Peter denied knowing Jesus after Jesus' arrest. Peter replies, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus tells Peter to feed His lambs, tend His sheep, and feed His sheep. Jesus is reaffirming Peter's position as leader of the Apostles and as the leader of this Church that the Apostles will form. Jesus also lets Peter know that he will have to suffer just as Jesus suffered.

We, too, are all called to express our love to Jesus by being willing to suffer for Him and His Church. In the midst of persecution, we are asked to be strong, to have faith, and to trust in the Lord. We are called to proclaim the Truth and defend the Church against lies and false accusations. To do this, we must be knowledgeable of our faith. We must study and learn and rely on the Holy Spirit to give us what we need so that we can speak as Jesus would have us to speak. We must know what the Truth is so that we can defend this Church that Jesus established. We must be able to root out lies that are continually present in the media, whether it be on TV, radio, newspapers, or the internet. We must speak the Truth!

Pope Francis also has continued to emphasize, in this Year of Mercy, how we must learn to help those in need by educating them and helping them with their needs, especially in being merciful, compassionate and understanding to them in their situation in life. In doing so, we give faithful witness to Jesus Christ. As we hear in today's second reading, from the Book of Revelation, "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." "Amen."

On Saturday, April 16, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will celebrate his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please offer a prayer for him and his intentions on Saturday. Please also pray for all the ladies of our parish and the Diocese of Austin who will be attending the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women convention Sunday evening, April 10, thru Tuesday, April 12.

May all of you have a most blessed week in this Easter Season.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář



#### Jubilee Year of Mercy

To forgive does NOT mean to act like no wrong was done. When we forgive, we are not saying that what that other did or did not do was okay. It is not forgiveness if we don't think there was any wrong. Many people don't forgive because they wrongly think that means they would be saying that what the other person did was okay. No.

Nor does forgiveness mean we have to stay in a situation where we will be wronged again and again. We are not meant to live in abusive situations. Sometimes, abusers will try to manipulate the other to make him or her stay in an abusive situation by saying things like, "the Bible says we must forgive," or "aren't you a Christian?" No, we need to set boundaries. And sometimes, forgiveness means we need to step away from a person or a situation.

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Jesus knows that forgiveness is sometimes very difficult. He also knows that the damage of not forgiving is terrible. You and I will never know the freedom and joy that God wants for our lives unless we do the hard work of forgiving.

Merciful God, you understand the pain in my heart: my anger, hurt and fear, and yet, you love me just as I am. Please, dear God, I need you. I can't do this without you! AMEN

The Corporal Works of Mercy Feed the hungry Give drink to the thirsty

Give drink to the thirsty Clothe the naked Shelter the homeless Visit the sick Visit the imprisoned Bury the dead

#### The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Admonish the sinner Instruct the ignorant Counsel the doubtful Comfort the sorrowful Bear wrongs patiently Forgive all injuries Pray for the living and dead